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Greenbelt Celebrates Pride With Its First Pride Parade

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY RAVEN EYES CAGEL

On Thursday, June 1, Greenbelt raised the pride flag to mark the commencement of Pride Month. On Saturday, June 3, the city held its second annual Pride Fest, which included, for the first time, a Pride Parade from the playground by the Spellman overpass on Gardenway down to Roosevelt Center.

Maryland State Comptroller Brooke Lierman spoke to the crowd from atop playground equipment prior to the march and thanked participants for standing up for equality for the LGBTQIA+

community, emphasizing that "every single person in this state is valued and loved and can love whomever they choose to."

The Greenbelt Honk! Situation

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Greenbelt Hears Sonic Boom From F-16s Chasing Plane

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Sunday, June 4, many Greenbelt residents heard an unexpected, loud boom through the area that rattled some windows. This caused confusion and a flurry of emergency calls. Some suspected thunder – although the skies were clear – and many others feared it was an explosion.

At 5:22 p.m. the Greenbelt City Police Department shared on social media that the "loud boom that was heard across the DMV area was caused by an authorized DOD flight."

A small private plane had crossed into a Special Flight Rules Area above Maryland shortly before 1:30 p.m. Pilots within the Special Flight Rules Area are required to maintain radio contact, among other things (such as providing a flight plan and transmitting a code). The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced that at 1:28 p.m. the pilot failed

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Dem' Raider Boyz



On Juneteenth, the Step Xplosion show by Step Afrika! at Strathmore will feature Dem' Raider Boyz Step Squad from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Dem' Raider Boyz are one of five college and school step teams to be featured. See more information, p. 3. Pictured: Dem' Raider Boyz perform at the 2018 National Championship, where they won the top prize for the fourth time in five years.

What Goes On

Monday, June 12
7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: Greenbelt East HOAs/COAs, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltdmd.gov for more information.

Ralph, GHI General Manager, Will Retire after Over a Decade

by Stephanie Quinn

Eldon Ralph, the general manager of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI), will retire at the end of July with over 26 years of service to Greenbelt Homes – 11 years in his current position, almost 16 years on the GHI staff and after a career of more than 30 years in engineering and facilities management. James

Claggett Jr., who has been selected as the new general manager, will start on July 10.

"We all have a part in the governance of GHI," Ralph told the News Review. Alongside GHI's board of directors and staff, he led GHI's \$24.5 million



Eldon Ralph at his desk

Homes Improvement Program, asbestos remediation efforts and the cooperative's negotiation of a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone with the City of Greenbelt and the Prince George's County government.

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Fishing at Greenbelt Lake: Relaxation, Natural Beauty

by Stephanie Quinn



A visitor to the Lake enjoys some solitude while fishing.

Felix Castillo has fished with all six of his children, but last week at Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park he was fishing with his youngest three.

In the warm weather months, the shores of Greenbelt Lake are dotted with people fishing to relax, enjoy nature and spend time with friends and family. The first time Castillo, 52, fished at the Lake, he thought it was so beautiful that he told himself someday he would have a house nearby.

"When I came to the United States, I started fishing," said Castillo. "But I am no good at fishing. I just do it for fun."

He has been fishing for about 25 years and remembers fishing on the pier by the old Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge, which was replaced in the early 2000s, and at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Now Castillo lives in Greenbelt with his family and brings his kids to the Lake to de-stress after school. From one of the stone platforms along the north side of the Lake, his daughter Veronica pointed out turtles.

"We have to be patient and enjoy and relax because when you come to fish you can see the water, the trees," he said. "It's really nice."

David Daniel, 43, of Laurel,

who fished in Greenbelt Lake for the first time during Memorial Day weekend, said he hoped he wouldn't catch many fish. He doesn't like taking them off the hook.

Daniel, whose mother lives near the Lake, said that since he and his son, Maxwell Daniel, 12, started fishing last year, they had only used lures, which entice carnivorous fish to bite with their flashy or fish-like appearances. Sunday was the Daniels' first time using live worms as bait.

They hadn't caught anything yet, but Daniel wasn't concerned about it.

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Letters to the Editor

Process Was Followed

The City Charter process for selecting a city manager says: "The city manager shall be chosen by the council solely on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications with special reference to his actual experience.... At the time of his appointment, he need not be a resident of the city or state, but during his tenure of office he shall reside within the city."

Council passed an amendment to waive the residency requirement. It allows council to find the best candidate even if residency is a challenge. Several citizens petitioned, unsuccessfully, for the charter amendment to go to referendum.

Some people said the city manager should live in Greenbelt. But no other city employees are required to live in Greenbelt. Most cities and towns in Maryland do not have a residency requirement. A good city manager should be engaged regardless of where they live.

Some were concerned that the city would be sued. However, the residency requirement is not an issue until an offer is made. Additionally, the amendment was reviewed by the city solicitor – a respected law firm in Maryland.

Denise Nadasen

Noise Barrier

For years, my husband and I routinely ate with friends at the New Deal Café. Then they got a new sound system which they insisted on playing at a volume that was uncomfortably loud.

We would ask them to turn the volume down with no improvement in the volume level.

We decided to not go back again.

Wendy Garson

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse

Miles Morales returns for the next chapter of the Oscar-winning Spider-Verse saga, an epic adventure that will transport Brooklyn's full-time, friendly neighborhood Spider-Man across the Multiverse to join forces with Gwen Stacy and a new team of Spider-People to face off with a villain more powerful than anything they have ever encountered. Also starring Hailee Steinfeld, Oscar Isaac, Jake Johnson, Issa Rae and Daniel Kaluuya.

The Eight Mountains

Italian with English subtitles

After meeting as children over a series of summers in the Italian Alps, Pietro (Luca Marinelli) and Bruno (Alessandro Borghi) reunite as adults to build a mountainside cottage which becomes a site of both reflection and reconciliation. Said critic Wendy Ide of the UK's Observer: "Combines the earthy, rooted grit of Jack London with the vivid emotional landscapes of Elena Ferrante."

You Hurt My Feelings

Beth (Julia Louis-Dreyfus), a popular writer, and her husband Don (Tobias Menzies), a well-liked teacher, share the kind of relationship that truly, seriously cannot be real: that is, they're actually in love. Even after decades of marriage, parenting and their own successful careers, their physical spark has somehow not diminished; in fact, they seem to relish the opportunity to share a single ice cream cone and drive others – including their son, Charlie – mad. Should it come as a surprise then that his own marriage is in crisis? But when Beth discovers that Don has been untruthful to her about his opinion of her work for years, her world comes crashing down. Has their whole relationship been one Big Fat Lie?

Beauty and the Beast

An arrogant young prince (Robby Benson) and his castle's servants fall under the spell of a wicked enchantress, who turns him into the hideous Beast until he learns to love and be loved in return. The spirited, headstrong village girl Belle (Paige O'Hara) enters the Beast's castle after he imprisons her father Maurice (Rex Everhart). With the help of his enchanted servants, including the matronly Mrs. Potts (Angela Lansbury), Belle begins to draw the cold-hearted Beast out of his isolation.

10 Things I Hate About You

Kat Stratford (Julia Stiles) is beautiful, smart and quite abrasive to most of her fellow teens, meaning that she doesn't attract many boys. Unfortunately for her younger sister, Bianca (Larisa Oleynik), house rules say that she can't date until Kat has a boyfriend, so strings are pulled to set the dour damsel up for a romance. Soon Kat crosses paths with handsome new arrival Patrick Verona (Heath Ledger). Will Kat let her guard down enough to fall for the effortlessly charming Patrick?

Furthermore, the city is part of the local government insurance trust, which provides protection.

Some people were concerned about the process. They believe that all amendments should be voted on by the citizens. However, the Maryland Local Government Article, Sect. 4-304 outlines the process to pass an amendment. Council followed that process.

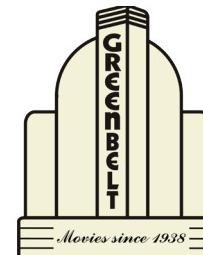
Someone suggested counting only registered voters who actually voted in the last two elections. While this would violate state law, it would exclude 12,000 Greenbelt residents. Since Prince George's County took over our voter registration process, the number of eligible voters in Greenbelt has increased. This is good.

Denise Nadasen

A Fond Farewell

To the good people of Greenbelt, you may not have realized it, but for the last 15 years, a person of questionable character has been living among you. A novelist. If you've ever seen a blonde trans woman wandering aimlessly through the neighborhood with a dreamy look in her eye, that would be me, thinking

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OC = Open Captions

CC = Closed Captions

DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES:

JUNE 9th - JUNE 15th

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (140 mins)

Fri. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM

Sat. 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM

Sun. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:00 PM

Mon. 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM

Tues. 7:30 PM

Wed. 7:30 PM

Thurs. 5:00 PM

Beauty and the Beast

(G) (1991) (84 mins)

Free School's Out screening!

Thurs. 1:00 PM

10 Things I Hate About You

(PG-13) (1999) (97 mins)

Thurs. 8:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room

The Eight Mountains

(NR) (2023) (147 mins)

Italian with English subtitles

Fri. 7:45 PM

Sat. 5:15 PM

Sun. 2:15 PM

Mon. 4:45 PM

Tues. 7:45 PM

Wed. 5:00 PM

Thurs. 5:15 PM

You Hurt My Feelings (R)

(CC) (DVS) (2023) (93 mins)

Fri. 5:15 PM

Sat. 8:30 PM

Sun. 5:30 PM

Mon. 2:15 PM (OC)

Tues. 5:30 PM

Wed. 8:00 PM

Thurs. 8:15 PM



Really, you gave my rowing two stars?

- M. Kusie , News Review, June 9, 2022

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Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

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Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

Community Events

Pre-K Bilingual Story Time, Stay and Play

On Friday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will present engaging lively stories and activities for young children and their caregivers to help build early literacy skills. This monthly bilingual program is an introduction to reading aloud to children as a way to instill the love of literature. After the readings, the children can stay and play with balls in the gym. Free children's books. Free healthy nutritious snacks. Spread the word to friends and families.

Libros, Bolas, Burbujas

El viernes 9 de Junio a las 10:30 a.m. en el Centro Recreativo del Lago Springhill, RUAK (Random Acts of Kindness) con el sistema de bibliotecas conmemorativas del condado de Prince George's County presentara interesantes historias y actividades animadas para niños pequeños y sus cuidadores para ayudar a desarrollar la educación temprana habilidades de alfabetización. Este programa bilingüe mensual es una introducción a la lectura en voz alta para los niños como una forma de inculcar el amor por la literatura. Despues de las lecturas, los niños pueden quedarse a jugar con pelotas en el gimnasio. Libros infantiles gratis! Aperitivos saludables y nutritivos gratis! Corra la voz a amigos y familiares.

Labor Day Festival Committee Meets

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 114.

New volunteers are welcome to come to the meeting and help run this year's Labor Day Festival. The committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month until August when there are more frequent meetings as the Labor Day weekend approaches.

More information is available from the Festival website at greenbeltlaborday.com.

Growing Good Soil Workshop by CHEARS

CHEARS will offer a Good Soil Workshop on Saturday, June 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Center's CHEARS Three Sisters Garden by the flag pole (if raining this event will be held inside the Community Center, Room 103). Bring experiences and questions to share. A RSVP is required. Send email to rob-bins629@gmail.com for questions and to sign up for this workshop. This event is limited to the first 20 participants and is free.

The foundation of any great garden is its soil. Part of a gardener's role is to "grow" good soil, to assist nature in the process that it does so well. This is needed because much of the soil where we may be trying to grow a garden may have been depleted or compromised in some way. When you focus on "growing" soil rather than growing plants, you are assisting our local ecosystem and the plants you grow will also benefit. This workshop will focus on: types of soil, the soil food web, composting, sheet mulching, the use of cover crops, the use of amendments and vermiculture. Beginning and more experienced gardeners are welcome.

The presenter, Judy Walsh-Mellett, grew up gardening with her dad and sisters in upstate New York. She has tended a garden in Mount Rainier for over 35 years. Her training includes: Master Gardener (1994), Volunteer U.S. National Arboretum (1997), Sustainable Mini-Farming Course with Ecology Action (2000), Permaculture Design Course (2013), Intern at ECO City Farms (2013). She currently hosts Still Place: An Urban Retreat in her home and garden (stillplacemd.com).

Free Pride Month Movie and Panel

Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) and GreenBELT Pride are hosting a 2016 Academy Award winning movie, Moonlight, on Saturday, June 17 at 1 p.m. at OGT. A panel discussion on the Black American LGBTQIA experience will follow the screening.

Greenbelt Access Television June 10, Sat - June 16, Fri

Verizon FIOS Channel 19 • Comcast 77
(School Programming on Your Cable Guide)

Streaming on www.greenbeltaccessstv.org

THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station

Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)

Salomé (1923)

An adaptation of the Oscar Wilde play of the same name, Salomé utilizes its silent film medium to emphasize the physical performance of the actors. It is considered to be one of the "first art films to be made in the United States," as well as an early LGBT-film staple!

Music from the New Deal Cafe (2pm, 10pm)

Songwriter's Circle

Four songwriters join for an intimate evening of melodic storytelling. Featuring Lynn Hollyfield, Tahlele, Tom Prasada-Rao, and Kim Eaton.

All this and more on the GATE channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube for new video productions.

Dem' Raider Boyz Onstage in Step Xplosion

Strathmore, a premier arts center in the Washington, D.C., area, and Step Afrika!, the country's first professional dance company dedicated to the African American tradition of stepping, will present Step Xplosion on Juneteenth – Monday, June 19 – at 7 p.m. in Strathmore's Music Center. The show, now in its 8th year with Strathmore, honors stepping's rich roots in the Black fraternity and sorority experience and its presence in the daily and future lives of students. The evening will feature the local premiere of The Movement, a new work choreographed by Step Afrika! performer Conrad Kelly II.

Additionally, Step Xplosion will feature DjG, the Disk Jockey General, and dynamic performances from some of the most exciting and innovative middle school, high school and college step teams in the region, including Dem' Raider Boyz Step Squad along with Virginia State University NPHC All-Stars (Petersburg, Va.), Brooklyn Divas (Brooklyn, NY), Blue MaDness Stroll Team (Bowie) and Fatal Attraction Step Squad (Baltimore).

Pre-event Workshop

In addition to the show, Strathmore will offer two 30-minute pre-concert step workshops at 5:30 and 6:10 p.m. in the Music Center, led by Step Afrika! performers and guest artists. Open to all ages and skill levels, the workshops will cover the history and basic techniques of stepping. Admission is included with purchase of show ticket, but RSVPs are required. Tickets for Step Xplosion are on sale now and can be purchased online at strathmore.org or by calling the Strathmore Box Office at 301-585-1050.



Open Studio Time For Parent-Artists

Greenbelt Recreation invites parent-artists to mingle and create at a free Meet and Make open studio session on Friday, June 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 113. This opportunity is available to parents who have registered a child for the concurrent Parent's Night Out Program, in which kids ages 4 to 12 will create art, play games and enjoy a pizza dinner. Register children in advance for activity #233222-3 (fees apply). For additional details, see page 12 of the summer Activity Guide: <https://bit.ly/42UVwyD>.

No registration is necessary for the parent's Meet and Make session. Participants should bring their own tools and materials and enjoy self-directed studio time. The room is equipped with easels, tables, chairs and a sink.

Greenbelt Arts programs are supported in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit greenbeltdmd.gov/arts.

Greenbelt Chess Club

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Monday, June 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the New Deal Café. This group is for all ages and skill levels. For more information contact Effie at 443-415-1053.

GIVES Holds Meeting On Saturday, June 10

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its quarterly membership meeting on Saturday, June 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend to learn about GIVES services and new promotional initiatives.

For more information, call 301-507-6580 or email givesoffice@gmail.com. The office is staffed from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. every weekday.

Meditation Classes Offered via Zoom

Katrina Boverman, a longtime meditation instructor with the SAGE program, and the Mishkan Torah Synagogue Sisterhood has offered summer Guided Meditation classes to Greenbelters and others for the past eight years. This year's classes will take place via Zoom.

Classes started on June 5 and will be held every other Monday from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. through August 28. There is no charge; donations are welcome.

For more information, email Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or call 301-641-1035.

Floral Photography In the Garden

Visit the CHEARS Three Sisters Garden-East and enjoy the new artistic work of floral photography. This is a self-guided tour inside and outside the garden. Everyone is invited to participate in this show by submitting a laminated floral photograph, which will be made available to the public to enjoy. For more information, call Effie at 443-415-1053.

Starlight Campfire At Greenbelt Park

Enjoy a campfire under the stars in the Greenbelt Park campground on Saturday, June 10 at 8 p.m. The theme will be the City of Greenbelt.

Special Guest Sheila Maffay-Tuthill of the Greenbelt Museum will talk about the creation of the City of Greenbelt as one of three federal cities built during the Great Depression.

This is the last campfire program of the season. Greenbelt Park will resume campfire programs in September and October.

Meet at the Campfire Circle in B loop at 8 p.m. in the campground. For more information, call 301-344-3944 or check the park's website nps.gov/gree.

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FRI 6/16

SAT 6/17

SUN 6/18

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MON 6/19

TUES 6/20

WED 6/21

TH 6/22

MON - FRI

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6-8pm
Reel and Meal*
"This Changes Everything"
7-9pm
Sign-ins at 6:30pm

NDC Open Mic with Joey Campfire
7-9:30pm
Sign-ins at 6:30pm

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7-9pm
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Join or renew your membership. Go to www.newdealcafe.com, click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW".

*For more information on these events, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.

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Obituaries

Robert Haas



Robert Franklin Haas

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in their delivery.

Bob is survived by his children, Karen Mayer, Janet Glanville, Robert Haas and Carl Haas; and by his 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Bob was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Nellie Haas, and his great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Bourgeault.

A visitation and memorial celebration of Bob's life will be held at Borgwardt Funeral Home (borgwardtfuneralhome.com) in Beltsville on Wednesday, June 14. Doors open at 1 p.m. for visitation with a memorial celebration service at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to Meals on Wheels of College Park, PO Box 797, College Park, MD 20740 or online at mealsonwheelsofcollegepark.org/donate.

Harriette Phelps

Harriette Dexter Longacre Phelps, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, died on May 24, 2023, at the age of 87. Born on March 15, 1936, Harri-



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Harriette Phelps

ette was the daughter of the late Andrew and Marian Longacre. In addition to her family, Harriette's passion was her love of, and concern for, nature.

Harriette was a biologist who studied clams as natural biomarkers for tracking pollutants affecting the Chesapeake Bay and was a professor at the University of the District of Columbia. After her children were grown, Harriette moved to Greenbelt, where she loved the sense of

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Medgar Evers Memorial to honor a courageous leader of the Civil Rights Movement, Sunday June 11, 1PM in Arlington National Cemetery (Area 36).

Email Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com for details & map



Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

www.greenbeltbahais.org

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

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301-474-9410

Pastor Evelyn Romero

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Come as you are



The Bible Says...
And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19



IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School
MCFcc.org

Greenbelt Baptist Church

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Sunday School 9:15am

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 - Sat vigil 5pm*
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Condolences to the family and fellow Legionnaires of Robert F. Haas. He is remembered for his spirit of volunteerism, particularly with the Meals on Wheels.

Our sympathy also to the family and friends of Harriette Phelps, a longtime resident of Greenbelt who was noted for her lifelong commitment to and work to conserve the environment, particularly the Chesapeake Bay.

Congratulations to:

- Dem' Raider Boyz of Eleanor Roosevelt High School who will be steppin' out with Step Afrika! Step Xplosion at the Strathmore on Monday, June 19.

- Major Timothy White on his promotion to Deputy Chief of Police. His service to the community since joining the Greenbelt Police Department in 2007 is greatly appreciated.

- Molly Rubinstein, age 72, who was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year college hon-

or society, at Howard Community College.

- Corporal Matt Inzeo, who received a Lifesaving Award from the Prince George's County Police Department.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Wednesday Lunch At the New Deal Café

Telecommuters, retirees and all others are invited each Wednesday this summer for lunch at the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway. Interested in meeting new people, building community and supporting your Café? Join us from noon to 1 p.m.

For questions contact rspeterson1@gmail.com.



Mishkan Torah Congregation



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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR JUNE 12 - 16

Monday, June 12 at 7:30, WORK SESSION - GREENBELT EAST HOAS/COAS

Monday, June 12 at 7:30 pm, COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD, Agenda TBD

Tuesday, June 13 at 5:30 pm, BOARD OF ELECTIONS (VIRTUAL)

Wednesday, June 14 at 7:30 pm, NO WORK SESSION

Wednesday, June 14 at 7:30 pm, SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION - (PERSONNEL MATTERS/INTERIM CITY MANAGER EVALUATION)

Wednesday, June 14 at 7 pm, ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes of April 19, WMATA/Metro Better Bus Network Redesign Discussion, Staff Updates

Wednesday, June 14 at 7 pm, REPARATIONS COMMISSION, On the Agenda: Welcome, Report from Facilitation Subcommittee, Report from Education Subcommittee, Reports from Other Subcommittees, Administrative Items

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltdmd.gov.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Employee Relations Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:30 pm, in the Library of the Municipal Building, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss a personnel matter – the Interim City Manager's Evaluation.

*** The public may attend the Special Meeting prior to the closed session, and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.**

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth.

THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of June 19

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, June 23.

ENGAGE GREENBELT

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- Tree Canopy Grant
- Micro Grant
- Business Improvement Recover Fund, Round III
- Business Capital Infrastructure Grant program

View all grant programs at a glance at www.engagegreenbelt.org/grants

View the most recently updated ARPA programs by visiting www.engagegreenbelt.org/uploads

For all up-to-date ARPA program information including project selection, project updates, department information, and more, visit www.engagegreenbelt.org.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET

for the
GENERAL FUND
BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
CEMETERY FUND
DEBT SERVICE FUND
REPLACEMENT FUND
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND
GREEN RIDGE HOUSE FUND
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND
GREENBELT WEST INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

At its regular meeting of June 5, 2023, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2024, thereby approving expenditures as follows:

General Fund	\$36,046,700
Building Capital Reserve Fund	50,000
Cemetery Fund	0
Debt Service Fund	1,053,100
Replacement Fund	335,000
Special Projects Fund	494,900
Green Ridge House	1,652,500
Capital Projects Fund	1,807,500
Community Development Block Grant Fund	120,500
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund	2,700,000

Copies of the adopted budget document will be available for examination no later than September 2023 at the City Offices at 25 Crescent Road and on the Greenbelt Website (www.greenbeltdmd.gov).

GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

This FREE program starts on September 19 and lasts until November 14. Visits will be scheduled on Tuesdays To be eligible you must: Live within City limits, have children ages newborn to 3 years old, children who wear diapers or pull-ups. Program Features: Up to 10 bi-weekly home visits from student nurses.

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Questions? Need help registering? Please contact, Katherine Farzin by calling (240) 542-2019 or emailing kfarzin@greenbeltdmd.gov.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT (MONTHLY)

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 5 - 8:30 PM

Community Center

Enjoy a night to yourself while your children make art, eat pizza, and play games at the Community Center. Ages 4-12.. R: \$20, NR \$25. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd. Activity # 233222-Registration info: <https://bit.ly/42UVwyD>.

REGIONAL POLLINATOR RESOURCE FESTIVAL

JUNE 17, 1 - 4 PM, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK

UMD Bee Campus USA is bringing together regional Bee City USA affiliates to kickoff National Pollinator Week for their first annual Pollinator Resource Festival which includes a film screening of "My Garden of a Thousand Bees." Email s_dewalt@hotmail.com for more information.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

JUNE 15 TWO EVENTS/LOCATIONS

Community Center: 1 - 3 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 12 - 1:30 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only; must live in: Verde at Greenbelt Station, Greenbelt Station Master Association, Franklin Park, Motiva. Register by visiting <http://ow.ly/uGnV5OHgTN>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION AT BOTH SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER AND GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

Volunteers are needed every third Thursday of the month at the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center & the Greenbelt Community Center. Volunteers will assist with setting up tables, sorting and organizing fresh fruits and vegetables, and distributing them to families in need.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Volunteers - For information, contact Katherine Farzin (240) 524-2019. To register, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/AqNxCARjwioCnWf9>.

Greenbelt Community Center Volunteers - For more information, contact Flora Li (301) 412-2480.

GREENBELT RECREATION'S SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

www.greenbeltdmd.gov/activityguide

Registration is open for Greenbelt residents., Registration opens at 10 am on May 30 for non-residents.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at greenbeltdmd.gov/calendar



CITY OF GREENBELT JUNETEENTH EVENTS

CHILDREN'S LITERACY & ART FESTIVAL

SATURDAY JUNE 10 / 1 - 4 PM

THE SPACE: FREE ART FOR ALL (BELTWAY PLAZA MALL)

FREE / NO REGISTRATION

SANDY SPRING MUSEUM LECTURE & ARTIFACTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 / 7:30 PM

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER (15 Crescent RD)

FREE / REGISTRATION REQUIRED [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/619312429147](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/619312429147)

STUDENT CONTEST AWARDS CEREMONY: RACIAL JUSTICE ESSAY & CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 / 1 - 3 PM

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER / Room 202 (15 Crescent RD)

FREE / NO REGISTRATION

Events are sponsored by the Greenbelt Black History & Culture Committee, Greenbelt Recreation, Greenbelt Museum, Sandy Spring Slave Museum, and THE SPACE: Free Art for All.

CURRENT FREE CARES PROGRAMS

BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

August 22, 10 am - 3 pm

Sign-up required. Contact Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltdmd.gov

EMERGENCY DIAPER PROGRAM

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POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

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6 - 7:30 pm

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DINING WITH DIABETES

6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12

5 - 6:30 pm, Zoom

A national program designed for adults with Type 2 Diabetes. The program teaches skills needed to identify and understand important information about managing this disease. Register at <https://rb.gy/j58gi>.

MOTIVATING LOVED ONES BY LIZ BARNETT

JUNE 8, 7 - 8 PM, Zoom

Learn to incorporate practical strategies to motivate loved ones to be physically active, change their diets, clean out the closet, and much more!

Register at <https://bit.ly/3W7p4ab>.

New CEO Announced For County Schools

On Wednesday, June 7, Prince George's County Public Schools announced the selection of Millard House II as its next CEO. House was formerly superintendent of the Houston school system in Texas. Monica Goldson, who has served as CEO of PGCPSS since 2019, will retire at the end of this school year.

ERHS Graduation



Salutatorian Yeabkal Abeje addresses the ERHS 2023 graduating class during graduation on Wednesday, May 31.



The ERHS 2023 graduation class processes into the Xfinity Center to the tune of Pomp and Circumstance.

- Photos by Amanda Larsen

City Notes

Arts, Recreation and Museum staff prepared for and/or hosted many Greenbelt Day Weekend events, including Pride Fest, Pet Expo and Artful Afternoon. Public Works raised flags and banners and set up event furnishings.

The Community Center display case features new information about tick prevention and management, presented by Animal Control. The facility accommodated a blood drive, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and 10 rental events.

The outdoor pool opened for the season while remediation work continued in the outdoor pool pump room.

Horticulture/Parks installed a new net at a Braden Field tennis court and repaired nets at Schrom Hills Park basketball court. Sustainability/Environmental and Girl Scout Troop 23007 installed a new pollinator garden at Schrom Hills Park, where 11 volunteers planted approximately 350 native landscape plugs.

Refuse/Recycling collected 27.96 tons of refuse and 10.37 tons of recyclables.



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Join Democratic Club Fun Day at the Ballpark

For those who like baseball and enjoy the fireworks afterward, come join friends in the Democratic Club on Saturday, June 17 at 6:35 p.m. at the Bowie Baysox ballpark. It's a fundraiser for the club to support Democrats working to take back control of the U.S. House of Representatives and increase their numbers in the U.S. Senate. This is an enjoyable way to help the club help those who want reasonable gun legislation, keep the environmental movement going and support Ukraine in its bold efforts to keep its country.

To contribute to this effort, buy a ticket on the club's website at rooseveltclub.com/baysoxfundraiser. The ticket provides a box seat in the 100 level of the Baysox ballpark, along with a coupon for food or a gift from the ballpark's gift shop. Get tickets soon as the game is next Saturday; tickets must be purchased by Friday, June 16.

For questions, contact Emmett Jordan (phone: 240-725-4551, email: evjordan@gmail.com) or Ric Gordon (phone: 240-444-3697, email: bgordonba@gmail.com).



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to respond to air traffic control instructions. The FAA reported the situation to the Domestic Events Network, which includes the military, national security, homeland security and other law enforcement agencies shortly after 1:30 p.m.

The small plane continued out of the Special Flight Rules Area toward Long Island where it then turned and headed back toward Washington. This time the plane crossed into a restricted zone that includes the White House and National Mall, violating a No-Fly Zone that was created after September 11, 2001.

At 2:35 p.m. two F-16 fighter jets were deployed from Joint Base Andrews and four were launched from bases in neighboring states to intercept the plane. The White House National Security Council Spokesperson John Kirby said at a press con-

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"We did all right at Centennial [Lake] in Columbia, but this time we just came to go fishing with Mom," Daniel said.

Dermacus Cousins III, 14, of Takoma Park, caught his first fish in Greenbelt Lake on Memorial Day. "It was cool when he got on the line and I had to pull him in," said Cousins.

Matteo Palmer, 13, also of Takoma Park, invited Cousins to come fishing. Palmer said he has fished his whole life with family, like in Minnesota with his dad, but not in Greenbelt Lake until a couple of weeks ago. "It's pretty," Palmer said. "It has fish," he noted, including bass, trout

and crappie.

Zhenhua Zou, 34, of Greenbelt, only fishes in Greenbelt Lake because he's had more luck catching fish there than elsewhere. Usually, he throws the crappies he catches back in. Last Tuesday evening he pulled a small fish, silver and glimmering, from the water, unhooked it and tossed it back in, too.

"If they're huge, I can keep them, but normally they're not huge," Zou said.

The size of the catch aside, Zou listed reasons to keep coming back to Greenbelt Lake. "For fun," he said. "And it's pretty beautiful here, the scenery."



People fish from the dam at the end of Greenbelt Lake.

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My Point of View

A Perspective on Juneteenth

by Lois Rosado

June 19, 1865, is the date that enslaved people of Galveston, Texas, were informed about their emancipation. For them, it was a day of great jubilation and celebration. It is also a day that many Black Americans now consider their Independence Day and are often conflicted about July 4th. Frederick Douglass clarified the dilemma in his 1852, July 4th speech.

"What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sounds of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciations of tyrants, brass fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanksgivings, with all your religious parade, and solemnity, are, to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy – a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages. There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices, more shocking and bloodier, than are the people of these United States, at this very hour."

At that time the United States was at the height of its brutal racial slave/caste system. However, it is also important to point out that the first man to die for the independence of the United States during the Boston Massacre of 1770 was Crispus Attucks, a man of African and Indigenous origins and an escaped slave. It is ironic that many would not have seen Attucks as fully human, much less a citizen, at that time. In fact, George Washington asked free Black men to join the fight for American independence because more troops were needed. They did join. Citizenship rights were promised, but seldom granted. Even enslaved men were conscripted to fight by their masters' promise of emancipation but many of those who survived were returned to enslavement.

There are Black descendants of revolutionary war veterans like Professor Henry Louis Gates, who are members of the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.

Should Black Americans celebrate the 13th amendment ending slavery in 1865, the 14th amendment granting citizenship in 1868 or the 15th amendment granting voting rights in 1870?

What is important for historical purposes is that Black American men and women have fought mightily in every war for the United States, mostly in segregated units until after World War II. They fought with great tenacity and fortitude during the Civil War in order to free themselves and their people in bondage.

It is imperative that we honor those who fought to end slavery

and enabled Juneteenth to become a holiday to be nationally celebrated, and it is equally important to honor Black American troops who gave their lives for the ideal of democracy, even while being lynched, segregated and treated as second-class citizens. Even as Black people continue to be lynched to this day, the father of Nicole Hannah-Jones, author of the 1619 project, flew the American flag at his home. It is also why many Black Americans will celebrate Juneteenth and July 4th. They have paid a high price to celebrate both holidays.

Lois Rosado has lived in Greenbelt more than 24 years. During that time she has been instrumental in creating Black History and Juneteenth programming for the community.

Celebrate Juneteenth with Book Readings, Lecture, Art, Essays

by Lois Rosado

form. All activities are free, so bring children and have fun.

Lecture

On Tuesday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m., in collaboration with the Greenbelt Museum, the GBHCC presents a lecture, The Real Juneteenth, by Reynaud Smith, who spent 37 years teaching history at secondary schools in Dallas, Montgomery County and Washington, D.C., and is a board member at the Sandy Spring Slave Museum. He will show artifacts, share family history and discuss the significance of the date for many African American families. The lecture will be held in the Community Center Multipurpose Room. Registration is encouraged, but not required at eventbrite.com/e/619312429147.

Book Festival

The SPACE and Beltway Plaza will host a Children's Literacy and Book Festival on Saturday, June 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. Manny Jennings, a 10-year-old youth storyteller, will be present. Jennings wrote a book about his speech impediment: It's OK to Be Me. Come meet this inspirational young man. Children's book authors will read selections from their books. An illustrator will show children how to do illustrations. S.I.T.Y. Stars, the Double Dutch jump rope team, will per-

Each year the Prince George's Lynching Memorial Project hosts a student arts and essay contest. Students from Prince George's County schools are encouraged to participate with their artworks, spoken word poetry or historical essays. The Award Ceremony for their efforts will be on Saturday, June 17 at 1 p.m. at the Community Center, hosted by the GBHCC and Greenbelt Recreation. Each winner will receive a monetary award. Winners will read their essays or recite their poetry. Last year the essay winner was a student from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

For more information about Juneteenth events, email blackhistoryandculture@gmail.com.

A pair of Canada geese show off their goslings at the pond on Hanover Parkway.





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Register for Recreation Summer Art Classes

Registration is open for all of Greenbelt Recreation summer arts classes. From ceramics and painting, to fused glass and sewing, a large range of media and creative experiences are available for all ages. Full class listings and registration information are posted at greenbeltdmd.gov/arts.

Greenbelt Farmers Market



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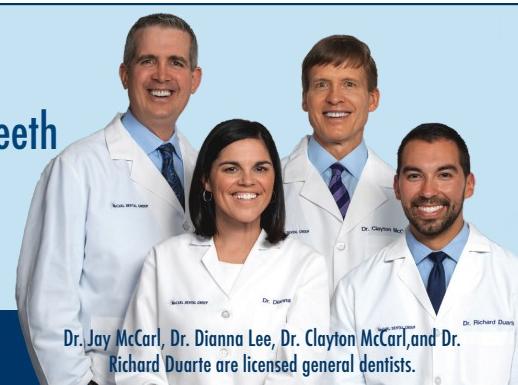
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up the idea for my next book.

I arrived in Greenbelt somewhat accidentally in 2007, with two small children in tow. It was a lucky break for us because living in Greenbelt has been a rare and precious gift, full of kindness, warmth and acceptance. Now my "babies" are heading off to college, and I have decided to spend my empty nest years in New York, where the majority of my family resides.

But do not think that I leave you empty-handed! For the last year, I have been working on a children's novel that is set in Greenbelt. I have changed the names and some geography to suit the narrative, but much of it will be familiar to you. When my editor at Scholastic read the manuscript, he could scarcely believe such an "idyllic" place existed. I assured him that it did. It is called No Filter, and it will be out in February. You can learn more about it at kelleyeskovron.com.

Some of you I know well. Some I've spoken to. Some I've merely nodded and smiled to in passing. All of you are marvelous. This place and its people will always occupy a special place in my heart. Thank you all so much.

*Kelley Skovron,
formerly of 2 Research Road*



One-Sided Petition Views

Last week, the Greenbelt News Review published three separate letters to the editor, all disagreeing with Peggy Higgins's opinions regarding her petition efforts to send the city manager residency requirement to a referendum. It's disappointing that the city's preeminent newspaper would print such a one-sided collection of responses to Higgins's laudable efforts.

Furthermore, each letter includes factual errors. For example, Higgins's experience is indeed anecdotal, but anecdotes are not distinct from data; typically, data include multiple data points, each of which would, on its own, be an anecdote. In another example, the alleged problems in California do not arise from referenda but from initiatives, which are categorically different. Referenda allow citizens to have a say on important policies approved by a legislature; initiatives allow citizens to write their own laws.

Most importantly, all three letters completely missed the point. This petition drive was not about overturning an arbitrary council decision or about the merits of the city manager residency requirement itself. This petition drive was about whether our charter, our foundational document as a city that is supposed to be supreme to the city council, should be amended by a single-vote, bare majority of the

city council. I think it's clear that the answer is no. Almost no legislature in the world has such extreme power to alter its own foundational document, and I see no reason why Greenbelt should be different.

Alexander Zajac

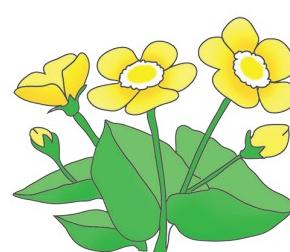
A Note of Gratitude

On behalf of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, it is with great gratitude that we thank you Greenbelters for always supporting and participating in our yard and bake sales, our crab feasts and all other activities and events we have throughout the year. We could not do it without you; our family, friends, neighbors and organizations.

A new addition to our exciting calendar of events, will be a vendor and craft show on Saturday, July 22. We can't wait to share that day with all of you.

I am so proud to live in a city that I love and support. Thanking you once again – you are the best.

*Kathy Reynolds
Past President of the
GVFD Ladies Auxiliary*



Obituaries continued

community and was active in the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ. Harriette is survived by her daughter Elizabeth and grandchildren Tyler, Alexandra, Connor, Samantha and Evangeline. She was preceded in death by her husband John and son David.

A memorial service for Harriette will be held on October 6 at 10 a.m. at the United Church of Dorset in Dorset, Vermont. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Earthwatch in honor of Harriette's lifelong commitment to conserving our environment.

Mosquito Tip: Fix The Drainage Pipe

Does this picture look familiar? There might be a mosquito breeding site right in the yard. Drainage pipes like these can be found everywhere in Greenbelt. They are preferred breeding sites since their



This drainage pipe is a potential breeding ground.

grooves do not dry out. Make sure mosquitoes cannot breed in any drainage pipe. A quick and easy fix: Put mosquito netting or a hosiery stocking over the end of the drainage pipe, and cover any other holes in the pipe. Check regularly for debris build-up and whether the covering needs to be replaced. If possible, seek expert advice on

PHOTO COURTESY GREENCAPS

how to replace the corrugated pipe with non-corrugated pipe and bury it properly in the ground. Preventing breeding sites prevents pesticides. To learn more, to support GreenbeltCAPS work and/or to volunteer, email Greenbelt Citizens Avoiding Pesticides at GreenbeltGreenCAPS@yahoo.com.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred May 29 - June 4. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltdmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Arrest

On May 29 at 1:33 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, after stolen tags were found on a car, the adult male driver was arrested on open warrants.

Assault

On May 29 at 8:02 a.m. near 5700 Greenbelt Metro Drive, a 30-year-old woman was arrested after causing a disturbance at the Metro station and spitting in an officer's face.

On May 30 at 1:31 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man assaulted security personnel and was banned from the property.

On June 2 at 6:33 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a juvenile fight occurred.

Break-ins

On May 31 at 4:57 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, a man reported that a group of men entered his apartment and demanded money from him on two separate occasions.

On June 3 at 9:48 a.m. near 6900 Hanover Parkway, a 33-year-old man was arrested after breaking into a storage unit.

Disorderly

On June 3 at 11:51 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, a dispute between a client and a photographer. Options were advised.

On June 4 at 8:26 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a fight between adults. Options were advised.

Missing Person

On June 3, at approximately 11:21 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Westway for the report of a missing juvenile. 16-year-old Ricardo Fox was last seen on June 1 at around 5 p.m., wearing a black wave cap, a white shirt, blue jeans, and blue sneakers. Fox has a rose and numbers tattooed on his neck. The critical factor is age.

Robbery

On June 3 around 4:16 a.m., officers responded to the 9100 block of Springhill Lane for the report of an armed robbery. A woman had been standing close to her car when a gray four-door

sedan stopped in front of her vehicle. Four men then exited the vehicle, armed with black handguns, and took her purse.

On May 30 at 5:24 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a man reported that as he and a passenger exited his vehicle, he was approached from behind by a man wearing a ski mask who pointed a gun at him and demanded his property.

Theft

On May 31 at 7:11 p.m. near 100 Greenhill Road, credit cards were used fraudulently after a wallet was stolen. On June 2 at 6:29 a.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a child's bicycle was stolen. On June 3 at 6:48 a.m. near 9200 Springhill Lane, checks were stolen from a drop box; at 12:21 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, two purses were stolen from cars at a gas station while the owners stepped away.

Vandalism

On June 1 near Crescent Road and Greenhill Road, a speed camera was vandalized.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

On May 31 near Laurel Hill Road, a red 2009 Toyota Prius (MD plate: 15881CD) was stolen after it was left unlocked overnight with the keys in the car; near 9200 Springhill Lane, a silver 2021 Hyundai Tucson (MD plate: 7EP6035) was stolen; a nearby Kia Rio with ignition damage was towed for safekeeping. Also on May 31 near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a 2013 Kia (MD plate: 3EK1900) was stolen.

On June 1 near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a silver Hyundai Elantra (MD plate: 9EV0245) was stolen after it was left unattended with the keys in the ignition.

Vehicles Recovered

On May 31 near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a 2013 black Kawasaki Z1000 motorcycle was stolen; the owner had a tracker on it and the motorcycle was located by a partner agency in a truck in Wash-

ington, D.C. Also on May 31 near Ridge Road and Gardenway, a stolen 2013 Hyundai Elantra was found with ignition damage; near 6000 Springhill Drive, a stolen 2021 Nissan Kick was found.

On June 1 near 6900 Hanover Parkway, a stolen 2011 Hyundai Sonata was found with all windows rolled down and the ignition tampered with, and a Kia Optima was found with a window shattered, damaged ignition and front bumper. Near Kenilworth Avenue and Cherrywood Lane, a stolen Hyundai Sonata was located.

On June 2 near Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, a Hyundai Elantra was found with a missing door handle, driver's side door damage, a window broken, and ignition damage.

On June 3 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a 2016 Hyundai Sonata was stolen and was located by a partner agency. Near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2016 Hyundai Sonata was found with a damaged ignition and a window broken.

On June 4 near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a 2021 Hyundai Accent was found with a window broken and damaged ignition.

Vandalism, Theft from Auto

A catalytic converter was stolen from a 2003 Ford F250 near Lakeside Drive. The victim reported it was stolen before May 20.

On May 29 near 7800 Mandan Road, a 2017 Kia Optima had ignition damage. Near 8000 Mandan Road, a car window was broken, and property stolen.

On May 30 near Ridge Road, a 2014 Hyundai had a window broken.

On May 31 near 6300 Golden Triangle Drive, multiple cars were broken into: a 2022 Toyota Tundra and a 2017 Chevrolet Impala had windows broken and property stolen, and a 2016 Ford F-150 and a 2020 RAM 1500 had windows broken. Near 550 Crescent Road, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle, and another unlocked car was rummaged through near 100 Greenhill Road, nothing taken. Multiple cars had windows bro-

ken: near 100 Westway, a 2019 Dodge Charger had property stolen; near 200 Lakeside Drive, a 2019 Dodge Challenger was rummaged through but nothing taken; and near 100 Lakeside Drive, a 2021 Nissan Altima was rummaged through. Near 6000 Breezewood Drive, a car window was broken and property stolen. Additional vehicles were rummaged through: an unlocked 2019 Nissan Altima and an unlocked 2013 Nissan Pathfinder near 100 Greenhill Road; a Dodge Ram 1500 near 100 Ridge Road; a car near Woodland Way; a Hyundai Santa Fe near 100 Greenhill Road; and a 2008 Chevy Equinox near Greendale Place had property stolen. Near 5500 Stream Bank Lane, property was stolen from a Toyota Tacoma, with no signs of forced entry; near 7300 Morrison Drive, a front license plate was stolen.

On June 1 car windows were broken and property stolen near 7800 Walker Drive and 7200 Hanover Drive and property was stolen from an unlocked car near Woodland Way. Near 8000 Lakecrest Drive, a 2020 Hyundai Sonata had a window broken and near 9100 Edmonston Road,

a 2013 Hyundai Sonata had a window broken; the car had been stolen before so the owner had installed brake locks. Near Ridge Road, a catalytic converter was stolen from a 2003 Honda Odyssey. Near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2016 Hyundai Sonata had a broken window and damaged ignition. Near 8100 Lakecrest Drive, a 2021 Kia Forte had a window broken and damaged ignition; thirty feet away, a gray 2017 Hyundai Sonata also had a window broken; and a 2008 Hyundai Elantra had a window broken and damaged steering wheel and ignition.

On June 2 near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a 2016 Kia Forte had a window broken and damaged ignition.

On June 3 near 5900 Cherrywood Lane a 2022 Hyundai Tucson, and near 9000 Breezewood Terrace a 2020 Hyundai Kona had windows broken and ignitions damaged.

On June 4 windows were broken but nothing was taken from: near 6300 Golden Triangle Drive a 2013 Lexus ES 350; near 7700 Hanover Parkway a 2021 Black Kia Forte, and near 5900 Cherrywood Lane a 2013 Ford Fusion.

Fleeing Carjack Driver Strikes Local Police Cars

On Tuesday, May 30, at approximately 8:11 a.m., Greenbelt police officers responded to 141 Westway for a carjacking.

The victim reported that a man pushed her to the ground, took her keys and stole her light gray Toyota RAV4 (MD plate: 7CA7099).

The following afternoon at approximately 2:56 p.m., a community member noticed that the vehicle that had been reported stolen was parked by the Greenbelt Library and reported it to the police. As officers entered the area, the driver of the suspect vehicle intentionally struck two police cruisers in an attempt to flee. No officers were injured.

The public was asked to avoid

the area on Crescent near the library while there was a large police presence.

A short vehicle pursuit followed until it was discontinued in the interest of public safety. The car was last seen on the outer loop of I-495 westbound entering Montgomery County.

A Greenbelt police spokesperson said the incident is an example of Greenbelt's Community Police partnership, in which the community member who reported the car had memorized the license plate from a previous social media post about the carjacking.

"If you see something, say something," urges the Police Department.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI and GDC Boards of Directors on June 15, 2023

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on May 4, 2023
- b) Member Financial Matters
- c) 2023 Contract for Replacing Roofs on Frame Units and Additions – 1st reading
- d) Member Complaint Matters

GDC Open Meeting – starts at 7:45 p.m. - open to members and visitors

- a) Review 1st Quarter 2023 Financial Statements

GHI Open Meeting – starts after the GDC Open Meeting ends - open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of a Closed Board Meeting Held on June 15, 2023
- b) Approval of Addendum for Trust Ownership and Trustee's Affidavit for a GHI Unit
- c) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on May 4, 2023
- d) Request for an Exception by a Member to Install a Protective Structure around a Vegetable Garden
- e) Proposal to Re-establish the Member Outreach Committee
- f) Procedures for Holding Member Events in Common Areas
- g) Review 1st Quarter 2023 Financial Statements
- h) Motion to Hold a Closed Board Meeting on July 6, 2023

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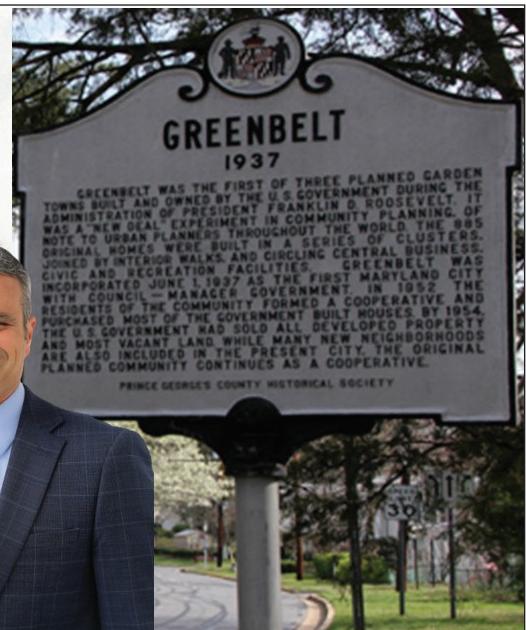
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As a cooperative, GHI blends characteristics of self-government and private enterprise.

Ralph moved from a private company to managing a community that residents collectively own. Before joining GHI's staff in 1997, Ralph worked for the maintenance management firm ServiceMaster as director of physical plant operations on the company's account with D.C. public schools. Born in Guyana, he emigrated to the U.S. from Britain in 1988.

For Ralph, succeeding in his work has been rooted in service and attentiveness to the needs of staff and GHI members alike. "You've got to serve the customers really well," he said. "And that's not only the external customers, but your internal customers as well." Ralph said that staff, as internal customers, are key to meeting the needs of members as external customers. "You have got to get the best out of your employees in order to serve the external customers really, really well."

Ralph advocated for staff, said Joseph Perry, Jr., GHI's director of finance. "If there were any concerns by staff, he would raise them to the board so they were fully aware," Perry said. "Transparency is an excellent word to describe Eldon."

Ralph said he has led by empathy in his interactions with members and the board of directors.

"You've always got to realize, 'Okay, let me put myself in their shoes to see whether it is they have a point,'" Ralph said. "In 90 percent of the time since I've been here, I think they have a point. They've got a good point, and you have to hear them."

GHI President Stefan Brodd counted Ralph's leadership of GHI through the Covid-19 pandemic and multiple staff transitions among his greatest achievements. Brodd and Perry com-

mented on Ralph's commitment to GHI's strategic planning process. Every summer, the board of directors and interested members meet with the guidance of an external facilitator to set a 12-month action plan and longer-term goals.

"That strategic plan, which is a very detailed document," Brodd said, "really turns into a set of assignments that the board is asking our staff to complete within those given timeframes."

GHI's cooperative ethos has opened opportunities for GHI to contribute to national energy-efficient building efforts and, alongside the City of Greenbelt, preserve the New Deal characteristics of Old Greenbelt.

GHI's Homes Improvement Program upgraded GHI homes' energy efficiency by replacing windows, entry doors and baseboard heaters in almost all of the 1,600 units between 2016 and 2021. Prior to the rollout, with support from the U.S. Department of Energy, GHI partnered with the National Association of Home Builders Research Center on a multi-year pilot program assessing the performance of proposed improvements in 28 of the cooperative's brick, frame and cinderblock homes.

After years of negotiations between the city, GHI and the Prince George's County Council, a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone limiting residential density will take effect in April.

What's Next?

Ralph said that he will help ensure a "smooth and seamless transition" to his successor.

What will he do then? "For the first three months?" Ralph said, "Sleep." Then, he plans to invest time in hobbies, spend time with his grandchildren and work with volunteer organizations.

Ralph emphasized that GHI's achievements resulted from teamwork. "The great sports organizations, they're sound all the way through, and I think it's the same with GHI," Ralph said. "What I mean is this: my success that I've had here, if things have happened during the time that I've been here, they cannot solely be attributed to me. The board takes credit and so do all the employees who I have worked with."

Perry said Ralph is "extremely, extremely dedicated to doing his absolute best." Brodd described Ralph's "flawless integrity."

"He's an extraordinary person," Brodd said. "We're really going to miss him."



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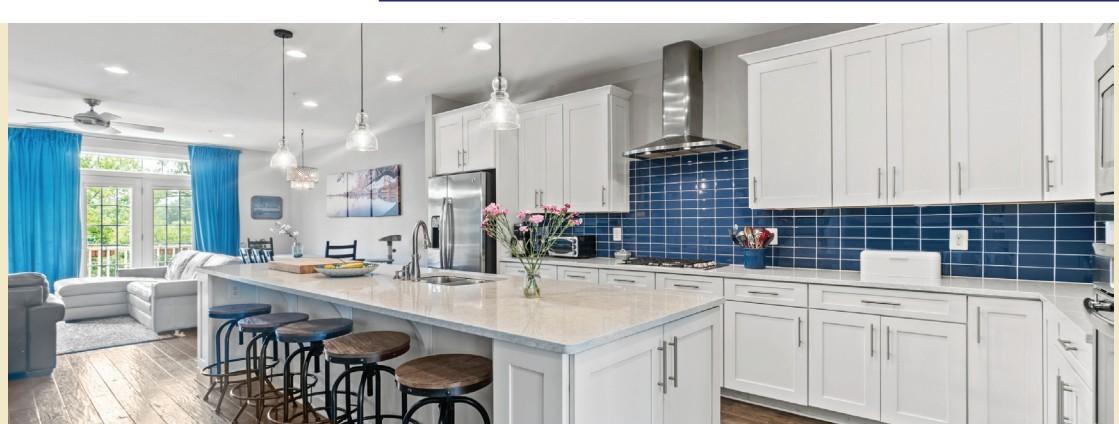
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played as the crowd marched to the city center. The Parade was led by Grand Marshals Kellen Cole, 10, and Delegate Ashanti Martinez, who attended their first pride fest last year. Martinez was appointed to the Maryland House of Delegates in February and is the first openly gay person to represent Prince George's County in the Maryland General Assembly. Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Kristen Weaver and Silke Pope also marched in the Parade.

Organizer and Councilmember Ric Gordon marched beside the glamorous drag queen, CoCo. Gordon estimated there were over 200 participants at this year's events, doubling the number from last year.

U.S. Representative Glenn Ivey, speaking to the crowd at Roosevelt Center, introduced some seriousness amidst the celebratory atmosphere, noting that though Greenbelt's pride celebration had grown, "we've got a lot of bad activity going on too, especially in Florida," referencing bans on instruction about sexual orientation and identity in schools, colloquially called a "Don't Say Gay" law, as well as the DeSantis administration's laws put forward to ban gender-affirming treatments, regulate bathroom usage and curtail drag shows.

"Unlike some of our counterparts in other states we are going to say here in Maryland we do respect trans kids," said Delegate Nicole Williams during her comments.

Taylor Cantwell Cole, mother of the young co-marshall Kellen, and clinical director of the Choice Clinical Services, a sponsor of Pride Fest, said she was incredibly proud of her children, who participated in the events, and said of Greenbelt, "To get to grow up in a city where you are seen, loved, acknowledged and honored for being you is exactly why we live here."

Pride Month is celebrated annually in June to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising, which began on June 28, 1969, with the police raid on The Stonewall Inn, a popular bar for the trans and gay community, to perform gender checks and confirm cross-dressing. The patrons resisted and several days of protests began. One year later, people from the LGBT community gathered to commemorate the uprising and parades that took place in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. The following year more cities held parades and today June brings pride parades in cities across the U.S. and the world.

PORCH Pickups

June food collections:

Sunday, June 11. By 11 a.m. at 1-8 Courts Ridge, 1-8 Courts Crescent and 1-2 Courts Westway

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The Pride Parade marches down Gardenway on Saturday.



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The Pride Parade's two grand marshals, Delegate Ashanti Martinez and young Greenbelter Kellen Cole

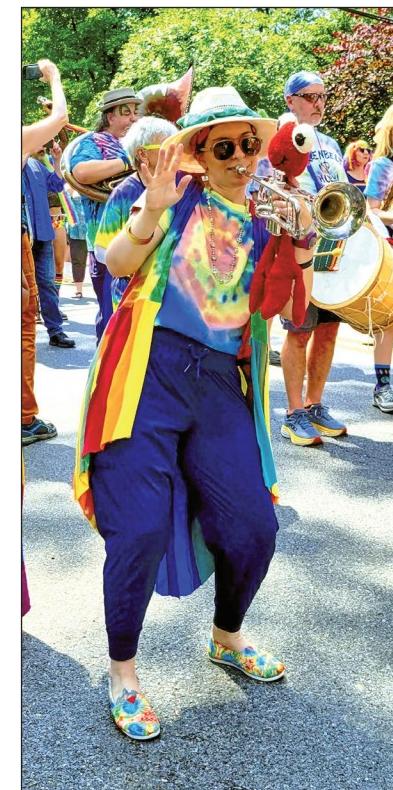


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Vanessa Zanin plays with the Greenbelt Honk! Situation. Zanin, who also teaches sewing through Greenbelt Recreation, created her own multicolored jacket from bright T-shirts she gathered from the Greenbelt Buy Nothing Group. She also tie-dyed her shirt and knitted the lobster she was holding.



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